## FILED UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTRKS OFFICE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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RIZZARI CONSTRUCTION,

Plaintiff,

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v.

Civil Action No.:

GRANITE INDUSTRIAL GASES, INC., AND TODD MILLER,

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the District of TO: Massachusetts:

- The Petitioners, Granite Industrial Gases, Inc. and Todd Miller, respectfully show 1. that they are named defendants, as captioned above, in an action brought by the Plaintiff, Rizzari Construction, which is now pending in the Lowell Superior Court, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Civil Action No. 05-0524-L.
- The above-named civil action pending in the Lowell Superior Court was filed on 2. or about February 14, 2005, and the Summons and Complaint were served on February 22, 2005. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the Sheriff's return of service dated February 22, 2005.
- Upon information and belief, no further proceedings have been had in Civil 3. Action No. 05-0524-L, and the time of Petitioners within which to file a notice of removal has not expired.
- Jurisdiction. Based on the allegations contained in the Complaint, which is 4. attached hereto as Exhibit B, the state court action is a civil suit which may be removed to this Court by the Petitioners pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a) and 1441(a). The Plaintiff in the state

court action is a resident of Massachusetts, and the Defendants are a New Hampshire resident (Todd Miller), and a New Hampshire corporation with a principle place of business in New Hampshire (Granite Industrial Gases, Inc.). The amount in controversy is \$101,450.00. Therefore, the requirements for diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) are satisfied and removal is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

- Venue. Petitioners desire to remove this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), 5. to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts because it is the district in which the action is now pending.
- After the filing of this Notice of Removal in the United States District Court for 6. the District of Massachusetts, (a) written notice of the filing of this Notice will be given by the attorneys for the Petitioners to the attorney for the Plaintiff as provided by law, (b) a certified copy of this Notice will be filed with the Clerk of the Lowell Superior Court, Middlesex County, and (c) certified copies of all pleadings on file in said Lowell Superior Court, Middlesex County, Civil Action No. 05-0524-L, will be filed with this Court.
- The Petitioners have a good and sufficient defense to the Plaintiff's claims in this 7. action.
- No previous application for removal has been made to this or any other Court 8. with respect to this action.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners Granite Industrial Gases, Inc. and Todd Miller pray that this action be removed from the Lowell Superior Court, Middlesex County, to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

GRANITE INDUSTRIAL GASES, INC., and TODD MILLER,

By their attorneys,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Timothy E. Bray, hereby certify that a true copy of this document was served upon the attorney of record for each party by United States First Class Mail on March 4, 2005.

Timothy E. Bray

SJS 44 (Rev. 11/04)

## **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION 05-0524L

Rizzari Construction ....., Plaintiff(s)

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Granite Industrial Gases, Inc. and Todd.Miller....., Defendant(s)

#### **SUMMONS**

To the above-named Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Richard P. Heartquist
plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 200 Sutton Street
#244 North Andover, MA 01845  an answer to the complaint which is herewith
served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you
fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also
required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at .MIddlesex.  Superior Court either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a
reasonable time thereafter.
Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may
have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's
claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.
Witness, Suzanne V. Del Vecenno, Esquire, at
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1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusens Rules of Civil Procedure.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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COMPLAINT

RIZZARI CONSTRUCTION,	)
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GRANITE INDUSTRIAL GASES	)
INC., and TODD MILLER,	)
individually	)
Defendantss	)

#### INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff brings this civil action for Defendants's failure to pay Plaintiff contractor for construction, installation of heating and sprinkler system, and electrical work provided on or about November 2001. The outstanding cost is \$101,450.00, plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees. Plaintiff asserts the following claims: Breach of Contract, Quantum Meruit, Fraud/Deceit, G.L. c. 93A Violations and Unjust Enrichment.

#### **PARTIES**

- I. The Plaintiff, Rizzari Construction owned and operated by Michael Rizzari, is a sole proprietorship, whose address at relevant times was 142 Methuen Street, Lowell, MA 01850.
- The Defendants, Granite Industrial Gases Inc., is upon information and belief, a duly organized New Hampshire corporation whose address is 49 North High Street, Derry, NH 03038.

 The Defendants, Todd Miller, is upon information and belief an individual person, whose only known address is 49 North High Street, Derry, NH 03038.

#### **FACTS**

- On September 10, 2001 Defendantss enlisted the services of Plaintiff for construction and installation of heating and sprinkler system.
- On September 10, 2001 Plaintiff quoted Defendantss \$101,450.00 for completion of work as follows: relocate support findings \$1,550.00, electrical work \$48,300.00, heating system \$13,600.00, sprinkler system \$38,000.00.
- 6. The agreed payments made by Defendants to Plaintiff for work completed were scheduled as follows: \$33,000.00 upon commencement of work, \$33,000.00 upon completion of column and electrical work, and \$35,800.00 upon receipt of occupancy permit.
- On November 15, 2001, Todd Miller, executed a contract accepting Plaintiff's
  quote, work description, and payment schedule.
- 8. On or about May 1, 2002 the work was completed in a professional and workmanlike manner and Defendants acknowledged its satisfactory completion.
- 9. The previously agreed fee of \$101,450.00 is past due.
- 10. No payments have been made on the balance. Granite has refused all demands for payment on the outstanding balance.

# COUNT I (Breach of Contract)

Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs
1-10 above.

- The Defendants requested that the Plaintiff provided said services, and was aware that said services were being provided in return for their fair market value and not gratuitously.
- The Plaintiff provided estimates of the value of the work which was eventually performed. The Defendants accepted those estimates.
- 23. At the time the work was done, all parties intended to create a contract for services.
- 24. At the time the work was done, all parties had the apparent and actual authority to contract on behalf of their respective companies.
- As a direct result of the Defendants' refusal to pay, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) plus interests, costs, and attorney's fees.

## COUNT III (Deceit/Fraud)

- 26. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs
  1-25 above.
- The Defendants falsely stated to the Plaintiff that the Defendants would compensate the Plaintiff for construction, electrical work, and installation of heating and sprinkler systems.
- 28. The Defendants had knowledge of the falsity of its statement or have acted with reckless indifference to the truth.
- 29. The Defendants intended to induce the Plaintiff's reliance on the misrepresentation.

- The Plaintiff's reliance on the Defendants' misrepresentation was justifiable as it was in the normal course of business, and the Defendants acknowledged the bill signing the offer sheet.
- As a direct result of the Defendants' refusal to pay, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.

## COUNT IV (Chapter 93A §§ 2 and 11)

- 32. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-31 above.
- 33. The Defendants has engaged in unfair and deceptive acts and practices in conducting its business, to wit, the Defendants enlisted the Plaintiff to provide construction, electrical work, and installation of a heating and sprinkler system to its business without intending to pay for the full value of those services.
  - 34. The Defendants' failure to pay is willing and with knowledge.
  - 35. As a direct result of the Defendants' refusal to pay, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, attorney's fees which amount should be tripled for the Defendants' egregious violation of G.L. c. 93A §§ 2 and 11 to \$304,350.00 (Three Hundred Four Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty Dollars).

## COUNT V (Equity/Unjust Enrichment)

- 36. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1-35 above.
- The Plaintiff provided \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) worth of construction, electrical work, and installation of a heater and sprinkler system to the Defendants.
- 38. The Defendants requested that the Plaintiff provide said services, and were aware that said services were being provided in return for fair market value and not gratuitously.
- 39. The Plaintiff provided estimates of the value of the work which was eventually performed. Those estimates were accepted by the Defendants pursuant to their signature offer sheet.
- 40. At the time the work was done, all parties intended to create a contract for services.
- 41. At the time the work was done, all parties had the apparent and actual authority to contract on behalf of their respective companies.
- 42. The Defendants would be unjustly enriched if they were not required to compensate the Plaintiff for its services.
- 43. As a direct result of the Defendants' refusal to pay, Plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.

WHEREFORE, THE PLAINTIFF PRAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:

- (1) Award on Count I, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Granite Industrial Gas, Inc. in the amount of actual damages \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (2) Award on Count I, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Todd Miller, in the amount of actual damages \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (3) Award on Count II, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Granite Industrial Gas, Inc. in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (4) Award on Count II, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Todd Miller, in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (5) Award on Count III, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Granite Industrial Gas, Inc. in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (6) Award on Count III, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Todd Miller, in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (7) Award on Count IV, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Granite Industrial Gas, Inc. in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) with said amount to be trebled to for an additional \$202,900.00 (Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (8) Award on Count IV, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Todd Miller in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) with said amount to be trebled to for an additional \$202,900.00 (Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (9) Award on Count V, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Granite Industrial Gas, Inc. in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.
- (10) Award on Count V, judgment to Rizzari Construction and against Todd Miller, in the amount of actual damages of \$101,450.00 (One Hundred and One Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars) plus interest, costs, and attorney's fees.

(11) Award such other and further relief to Rizzari Construction as this Court deems just and equitable.

## JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands trial by jury on all issues properly triable to a jury.

Rizzari Construction, By its attorney,

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North Andover, MA 01845

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